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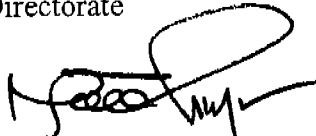


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Memorandum

To: Service Directorate
Deputy
From: Director 
Subject: Call for Award Proposals – National Wetlands Conservation Awards

It is time to solicit your nominations for the National Wetlands Conservation Awards. The contest for Fiscal Year 2005 is now open and award nominations for activities in FY 2004 must be submitted to the Washington Office by **April 1, 2005**. Two National Awards will be selected: one for Individual accomplishment and one for Group accomplishment. Solicitation of quality projects by all Service personnel is encouraged.

Attached is an updated copy of the nomination form, and a copy of the criteria for the Awards. These Awards are designated for the private sector (government entities are not eligible). The Awards recognize special efforts by individuals, corporations, and groups for their significant contributions in wetlands protection, enhancement and restoration.

Award nominations submitted to the Washington Office will be judged in Spring 2005 by and impartial review panel. The two National winners will receive an engraved certificate and a framed duck stamp print. Awards will be presented at the Duck Stamp First Day of Sale in July 2005, and will include Service and Departmental officials, as well as other dignitaries and media representatives.

In previous years the Washington Office also selected Regional Award winners. This year the Award programs at the Regional level will be conducted at the discretion of each Regional Director. The 2005 Award program is sponsored jointly by the Division of Bird Habitat Conservation, and the Division of Fish and Wildlife Management Assistance and Habitat Restoration. Accordingly, I ask that the Service's Joint Venture Coordinators, Partners in Fish and Wildlife Coordinators, and Coastal Coordinators make special efforts to locate worthy Award nominees. However, nominations will be accepted from any Service staff person. Nominations are to be sent by April 1, 2005, to the following address:

Division of Bird Habitat Conservation
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Attention: Mr. Doug Gentile
4401 N. Fairfax Drive
Mail Stop: MBSP-4075
Arlington, Virginia 22203

This year's National Coordinator is Doug Gentile. He can be reached at (703) 358-2558; e-mail: doug_gentile@fws.gov. The nomination forms will be forwarded electronically to the Coordinators listed above. An electronic version of the nomination form will be sent to any other Service official or staff person upon request. Completed nomination forms can be forwarded electronically to Mr. Gentile at the above e-mail address.

Thank you very much for your attention and hard work on this worthy and prestigious Awards program. Please contact Mr. Gentile if you have any questions.

Attachments